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1. The Autorenova National Corporation plant in Hradek nad Nisou (O 51/G 07) was formerly the Mraz Works, and produced presses, weaving looms and related items. During the German occupation of Czechoslovakia in World War II it was changed to an armament factory. After the liberation, the Soviets dismantled the armament-producing equipment and took it away.
2. The factory was nationalized in December 1950 and renamed Autorenova. It went into the production of automobile parts for the Skoda, Tatra and Praga automobile works. In July 1951 machine tools were installed in the shops that had remained unoccupied after the war, and since then those shops have been producing tank components.
3. In about December 1951, 478 workers were employed at the factory, working in two shifts. In December 1952 this figure was to be increased to 1,200 and three shifts were to be worked. At the same time the textile works of Grosse & Elstner were to be closed down, their workmen transferred to Autorenova, and the plant attached to Autorenova to permit expansion.
4. Power is supplied by high-tension wire from the Hirschfelde powerhouse across the border in East Germany and also from the Andelska Hora (O 51/G 06) powerhouse.
5. The plant is surrounded by a concrete wall 2.2 m. high and has a plant militia of 80 men.

25 YEAR RE-REVIEW

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